

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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Proudly Serving Carney, Kingsville, Loch Raven, Parkville, Perry Hall, and Towson

MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **AIR CONDITIONING PLANNED FOR FIVE LOCAL SCHOOLS**

At its August meeting, the Baltimore County Board of Education announced that **air conditioning has been prioritized at five additional schools in northeastern Baltimore County: Carney, Halstead, Joppa View, Pleasant Plains, and Villa Cresta Elementary Schools.** Plans call for design work in 2015, and construction in 2016. Funding still needs to be approved as part of the upcoming budget process, but the inclusion of these schools on the priority list is an important step forward.

Councilwoman Bevins and I partnered on this effort. We argued that the school system's priority list was grossly unfair to the Eastside. I want to thank her for advocating for Halstead Academy and Villa Cresta Elementary School, which will shift into the Sixth District after the election, as well as Pleasant Plains Elementary School which will include students in both districts. I also want to thank County Executive Kamenetz and Superintendent Dance for including these projects in the \$1.1 billion school improvement plan, and I thank the state legislators who partnered with our office in one way or another—Senators Brochin and Klausmeier, and Delegates Aumann, Cluster, Frank, and Lafferty.



Councilman Marks and Delegate John Cluster

When I took office, only 14 of the 25 schools that primarily serve the Fifth District had air conditioning. With this announcement, 22 of the 25 schools will have or be slated for air conditioning, including every middle and high school. We have three more to get done, and you can rest assured those will be a priority for me.

PERRY HALL APPLE FESTIVAL, TOWN FAIR HIGHLIGHT FALL EVENTS IN NORTHEAST

The Perry Hall Apple Festival will once again kick off fall activities in northeastern Baltimore County. The festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, at the Chapel Hills Farm and Nursery (4350 Chapel Road). Learn more at www.perryhallapplefestival.com. Also, the Town Fair sponsored by the Perry Hall/White Marsh Business Association will be held on Saturday, October 4 at the Crossroads Village Center (705 Concourse Circle). Vendor spaces are still available. Visit www.perryhalltownfair.com.

Councilman Marks is a proud supporter and sponsor of both events.



LOCH RAVEN

Loch Raven Dedicates Its First New Park in a Half-Century

On August 30, community leaders dedicated Ridgely Manor Park, a two-acre park built on reclaimed land at Yakona and Naturo Roads. This is the first new park along the Loch Raven Boulevard corridor in more than a half-century. It includes a small playground, benches, gazebo, walking paths, and large green areas. Councilman Marks worked with the Ridgely Manor Community Association, the Hess Corporation, and NeighborSpace of Baltimore County on the project.



Community leaders dedicate Ridgely Manor Park

PERRY HALL

Crosswalk Signs Donated at Perry Hall High School

The Perry Hall High School Alumni Association donated funds that were used purchase new crosswalk signs on Ebenezer Road. Councilman Marks worked with the Baltimore County Department of Public Works to secure approval for the installation.



Perry Hall High School administrators, PTSA and Alumni Association members unveil new signs

TOWSON

Towson Named Top Suburb for Education, and Other Fifth District Schools Also Receive National Recognition

The Movoto Real Estate blog recently named Towson as one of the top ten American suburbs for education. Schools across the Fifth District can share in some recognition, however—*The Daily Beast's* Top High Schools list includes five schools that serve the Fifth District: Eastern Technical, George Washington Carver Center, Loch Raven, Perry Hall, and Towson High Schools.

Osler Drive Bridge Improves Safety, Mobility

On August 22, Towson University celebrated the opening of the Osler Drive pedestrian bridge. The \$13.2 million project not only allows students to move safely between West Village and the interior of campus, but it should reduce some of the congestion that motorists experience along Osler Drive.

The bridge is one of several initiatives to improve mobility in Towson. Baltimore County recently completed the initial phase of the Towson Bike Loop.



Towson University opens the Osler Drive bridge

Registration Available for Turkey Trot

Registration is now available for the Y of Central Maryland's Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot. Funds from this activity allow low-income children to attend Y programs. The Towson Turkey Trot has become a tradition in Baltimore County. For details, visit <http://www.ymdturkeytrot.org>

Stay Updated During Emergencies

Hurricane season is here, and then the winter months. Bookmark Baltimore County's Emergency Preparedness page for future reference:
http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/emergency_prep